

GPs Survey October 2011

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Increased	285	28%	23	21%	9	23%	22	25%	20	30%	29	33%	25	29%	31	28%	16	24%	22	33%	23	23%	25	24%	24	50%	16	57%
Decreased	32	3%	6	6%	0	0%	2	2%	1	2%	1	1%	7	8%	2	2%	4	6%	1	1%	4	4%	3	3%	1	2%	0	0%
Stayed the same	684	68%	80	73%	31	78%	63	72%	45	68%	57	66%	55	63%	77	70%	48	71%	44	66%	71	72%	78	74%	23	48%	12	43%
Total	1001	100%	109	100%	40	100%	87	100%	66	100%	87	100%	87	100%	110	100%	68	100%	67	100%	98	100%	106	100%	48	100%	28	100%

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			GP Principal		Salaried GP		GP Registrar		Locum GP		Male		Female		1960-1969	1970-1979		1980-1989		1990-1999		2000-2010		Under 30		30 – 39		40 – 49		50 – 59		60 or over		
Increased	285	28%	180	28%	69	28%	1	100%	35	32%	155	27%	130	30%	2	25%	32	28%	67	30%	92	27%	92	30%	11	35%	131	30%	69	26%	53	26%	21	35%
Decreased	32	3%	26	4%	4	2%	0	0%	2	2%	25	4%	7	2%	0	0%	3	3%	10	4%	11	3%	8	3%	1	3%	12	3%	10	4%	7	3%	2	3%
Stayed the same	684	68%	441	68%	170	70%	0	0%	73	66%	385	68%	299	69%	6	75%	79	69%	150	66%	242	70%	207	67%	19	61%	297	68%	185	70%	146	71%	37	62%
Total	1001	100%	647	100%	243	100%	1	100%	110	100%	565	100%	436	100%	8	100%	114	100%	227	100%	345	100%	307	100%	31	100%	440	100%	264	100%	206	100%	60	100%

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Increased	285	28%	37	35%	109	27%	55	26%	83	30%	1	20%	9	36%	51	27%	100	32%	125	26%	50	29%	235	28%
Decreased	32	3%	4	4%	9	2%	14	7%	5	2%	0	0%	0	0%	7	4%	8	3%	17	4%	7	4%	25	3%
Stayed the same	684	68%	64	61%	281	70%	142	67%	193	69%	4	80%	16	64%	133	70%	203	65%	332	70%	113	66%	571	69%
Total	1001	100%	105	100%	399	100%	211	100%	281	100%	5	100%	25	100%	191	100%	311	100%	474	100%	170	100%	831	100%

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Yes, I always ask them	133	13%	13	12%	3	8%	5	6%	5	8%	6	7%	23	26%	19	17%	16	24%	16	24%	13	13%	5	5%	5	10%	4	14%
Yes, I sometimes ask them	464	46%	48	44%	17	43%	42	48%	32	48%	45	52%	40	46%	58	53%	30	44%	41	61%	47	48%	32	30%	20	42%	12	43%
No, I don't ask them	404	40%	48	44%	20	50%	40	46%	29	44%	36	41%	24	28%	33	30%	22	32%	10	15%	38	39%	69	65%	23	48%	12	43%
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Yes, I sometimes ask them	464	46%	292	45%	121	50%	1	100%	50	45%	251	44%	213	49%	3	38%	54	47%	105	46%	153	44%	149	49%	16	52%	204	46%	122	46%	92	45%	30	50%
No, I don't ask them	404	40%	263	41%	96	40%	0	0%	45	41%	232	41%	172	39%	3	38%	36	32%	79	35%	156	45%	130	42%	13	42%	193	44%	110	42%	74	36%	14	23%
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Yes, I sometimes ask them	464	46%	50	48%	176	44%	106	50%	132	47%	0	0%	11	44%	81	42%	151	49%	221	47%	94	55%	370	45%
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Agree	302	30%	36	33%	5	13%	22	25%	16	24%	32	37%	26	30%	46	42%	23	34%	23	34%	27	28%	23	22%	15	31%	8	29%
Disagree	483	48%	50	46%	21	53%	46	53%	32	48%	33	38%	37	43%	48	44%	33	49%	24	36%	54	55%	70	66%	24	50%	11	39%
Don't know	216	22%	23	21%	14	35%	19	22%	18	27%	22	25%	24	28%	16	15%	12	18%	20	30%	17	17%	13	12%	9	19%	9	32%
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Disagree	483	48%	310	48%	116	48%	1	100%	56	51%	260	46%	223	51%	2	25%	49	43%	109	48%	177	51%	146	48%	17	55%	214	49%	129	49%	102	50%	21	35%
Don't know	216	22%	137	21%	51	21%	0	0%	28	25%	112	20%	104	24%	3	38%	24	21%	37	16%	71	21%	81	26%	7	23%	112	25%	48	18%	33	16%	16	27%
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Disagree	483	48%	66	63%	185	46%	105	50%	124	44%	3	60%	14	56%	96	50%	150	48%	223	47%	85	50%	398	48%
Don't know	216	22%	13	12%	91	23%	45	21%	65	23%	2	40%	8	32%	35	18%	61	20%	112	24%	30	18%	186	22%
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